



Hillside Happenings

March 13, 2026

[Hebrew translation](#)

[Korean translation](#)

[Spanish translation](#)

To Note

- Congratulations to our students who performed in The Little Mermaid, Jr.
- Parking spaces numbered 96 and above in the upper loop are open to visitors. Please ensure you are parked in a designated spot and are not blocking other vehicles, as doing so creates an unsafe situation.
- Lost and Found items will be displayed outside the main entrance beginning Monday, March 16 at 7:30 a.m. through Wednesday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m. Any items remaining after Wednesday, March 18 will be donated.

Closter Public Schools - Hillside Elementary School

Explore Our Redesigned Website



We're thrilled to invite you to visit our newly redesigned online home at <https://hillside.closterschools.org>.

Our team has worked hard to create a website that's informative, user-friendly, and a true reflection of our vibrant school community. We hope you'll find it a valuable resource for staying updated, celebrating achievements, and sharing in the pride we have for **Hillside Elementary School**.

We're committed to keeping you informed and engaged through our website — your journey with us is just a click away!



Counselor's Corner

We hope you were able to enjoy the sunshine this week and are feeling refreshed and hopeful with spring just around the corner!

This month in ICARE, students explored [Responsible Decision Making](#) through videos and visuals designed to help them make thoughtful choices at school. These lessons are great reminders that can also be applied at home or in other settings.

With the warmer weather, students are enjoying more outdoor time. Our [Recess Rules](#) help keep everyone safe. In addition to the class paras, counselors and administrators are outside to provide support as needed to help students problem-solve through ICARE, stay safe, and have fun!

As part of a District Goal, students will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the ICARE program. Students will complete the survey in school next week.

Dress up day Friday March 20- Wear bright colors to celebrate the arrival of spring!

From The Health Office

Important information from the Health Office is [linked here](#).

Upcoming Dates

3/17-19- PTO Spring Book Fair

3/18- Trimester Two ends

3/20- Wear bright colors to celebrate the arrival of spring

3/25- Parent Portal open for grade reports, families will receive an email when the Portal is open (after 3 p.m.)

4/3- School closed, Good Friday

4/13-17- School closed, Spring Recess

Kindergarten Registration



2026-2027 Kindergarten Registration



Hillside Elementary School's Kindergarten Registration is now open!

Visit www.closterschools.org to register your child.

Parent Orientation will be held on March 31, 2026 at 7:00 PM

*Children must be registered in order for parents to attend this event.



If your child will be five years old on or before October 1, 2026, please register now. If you have questions, please call Hillside School at 201-768-3860 ext.41118



PTO News

Read-A-Thon Information

Thank you for helping to make this year's Read-A-Thon a huge success! Our students have been busy turning pages and raising important funds for our school community.

Please be sure to log your child's final reading minutes by midnight tonight.

We'll be announcing the top readers in each grade and the winning classes next week, so stay tuned!



Last day to
Read + Raise
with **Read·A·Thon**

Last day to pack it in!
Go BIG before we wrap.

Log your minutes.
Share your page.
Max out those donations.

Read-A-Thon



Hillside Elementary

 **Book Fair**
March 17-19

Family Shopping Event
Wednesday, March 18
3:30-5:00 PM

Set up your Book Fair eWallet Account! 

 <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/hillsideelementaryschool22>

  **SCAN ME!**  



Cluster Arbor Day Contest

Click on the link below for information.



Arbor Day 2026 .pdf

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386.9 KB

LINK to Hillside Summer Programs

Cluster

Summer

2026!

Reminders

- For your reference, [here is the link](#) to the school calendar (CLICK A-F Day Calendar). If school is closed due to inclement weather, we will follow the letter day listed on the calendar.



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Principal